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Sunday, May 13, 2012
SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY

BREAD OF LIFE/HOLY COMMUNION

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Air" from the D Major Suite J.S. BACH (BWV 1068)

WELCOME

*Please fill out the attendance form and pass it down the row.
Also, silence all cell phones and personal electronics.*

GATHERING

Stand

OPENING HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" Green Book, #143

GREETING

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ☞ **And also with you.**

KYRIE Blue Book, page 28

♪ ☞ Kyrie eleison: ♪ ☞ **Lord, have mercy.**
♪ ☞ Christe eleison: ♪ ☞ **Christ, have mercy.**
♪ ☞ Kyrie eleison: ♪ ☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Blue Book, page 29

Refrain

♪ ☞ **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Refrain

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

Refrain

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **G** **And also with you.**

A Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, seeking you above all things, we may obtain your promises, and live out your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G** **Amen**

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC "A Jubilant Song" ALLEN POTE
The Calvary Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MATT BYRD

READING: Acts 10:23b-48

L A reading from Acts:

The next day [Peter] got up and went with [his guests], and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. ²⁶But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." ²⁷And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; ²⁸and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. ²⁹So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?"

³⁰Cornelius replied, "Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. ³¹He said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³²Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' ³³Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say."

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of

the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Blue Book, page 31

♪ ☑ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter: ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,]⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

IMITATING GOD'S IMPARTIAL LOVE

PASTOR CORNELL

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Green Book, #439

THE PRAYERS (*Response:* ☒ Hear us, O God. ☑ **Your mercy is great.**)

MEAL

PEACE ☒ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

Sit

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING *Meditation on “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*
(1982)

ROBERT HEBBIE

Stand

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

“Let the Vineyards” Blue Book, page 35

♪ **☩ Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ⓐ Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
**☩ ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you
have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready
to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ⓐ The Lord be with you. **☩ And also with you.**
Ⓐ Lift up your hearts, **☩ We lift them to the Lord.**
Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Ⓐ It is indeed right and salutary. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Blue Book, page 36

♪ **☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Ⓐ In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: this cup is
the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and make us bold to pray:

G **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *We serve Holy Communion by intinction from the base of the stairs. The ushers will guide you forward. You will receive the bread and then may dip it in the wine, or the white grape juice. If you would like to receive communion by "common cup," we encourage you to receive communion toward the end of distribution out of courtesy for others. You are invited to move to the rail to pray as long as you desire. If you are unable to come forward, please sit by the aisle and let an usher know; a minister will bring Communion to you in your seat.*

LAMB OF GOD Blue Book, page 39

♪ **G** **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Blue Book, #671

"Day by Day" Blue Book, #746

Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
G **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. **G** **Amen**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
G **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Green Book, #551

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the risen Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “Festival Voluntary” FLOR PETERS (1958)

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